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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 13-15

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

-- DETENTE STILL LIVES, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL REVIEW, BUT MOST OF THE REST OF THE U.S. COVERAGE PAINTS US IN GRIM COLORS (SEE ALSO SEPTEL);

-- PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM MOST CERTAINLY STILL LIVES, IN A FLURRY OF PRESS TREATMENT;

-- THE PRESS PRAISES THE FRG/POLISH AGREEMENT UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BUNDESRAT BUT WITHOUT EXPLAINING WHAT THE AGREEMENT IS ALL ABOUT;

-- THE PRESS CHOOSES NOT TO COMMENT ON -- OR SAY ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT -- SADAT'S SPEECH ADVOCATING REVOCATION OF THE FRIENDSHIP TREATY, BUT DOES REPORT ON EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN TROUBLES;

-- THE PRESS COMES DOWN ON THE SIDE OF THE PCE IN SPAIN WHILE SUBJECTING THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO MOUNTING CRITICISM; AND

-- THE "COMMISSAR" OF CABINDA TELLS A PRAVDA REPORTER ABOUT AMERICAN OIL COMPANY SABOTAGE OF HIS PROVINCE'S ECONOMY. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. AS REPORTED SEPTEL, THE SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE THE ONGOING NATURE OF THE POLICY OF DETENTE WITH THE U.S., WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CASTING U.S. OFFICIAL ACTS IN VERY GRIM LIGHT. AMONG ITEMS NOT REPORTED IN SEPTEL, PRAVDA MARCH 14 REPEATEDLY NAMES RICHARD NIXON -- IN APPARENT RETALIATION FOR HIS RECENT FRATERNIZATION WITH THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP -- AS U.S. OFFICIAL WHO GAVE GO-AHEAD TO CIA DIRTY TRICKS IN CHILE, AS REVEALED IN HIS WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO A SENATE COMMITTEE. PRAVDA ASSERTS THAT THIS TESTIMONY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE U.S. "TO INSURE ITS INTERESTS USES THE DIRTIEST POSSIBLE MEANS WHICH SCANDALOUSLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRADICT INTERNATIONAL NORMS." PRAVDA SAME DAY ALSO CARRIES CARTOON WITH TEXT STATING WITHOUT FURTHER EXPLANATION THAT AMERICAN CORPORATIONS MET IN SECRET AND DECIDED TO DEVELOP COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICAN#CISTS. PRAVDA ON MARCH 15 REPORTS LATEST

-- SEVENTH THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA -- IN SERIES OF UNDERGROUND UNCLEAR TESTS IN NEVADA.

PRAVDA MARCH 13 CONDEMNS U.S. EFFORTS TO PRESSURE INDIA THROUGH AN AID CUT-OFF AND CRITICIZES SECRETARY SIMON FOR HIS ROME PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT WARNING THAT U.S. AID TO ITALY COULD SUFFER IF THE PCI COMES TO POWER.

3. COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. THE ECHOES OF ATTEMPTS MADE AT CPSU PARTY CONGRESS TO ASSERT SOME DEGREE OF AUTONOMY CONTINUE TO REVERBERATE IN THE SOVIET PRESS. THE CHOSEN WEAPON IS "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" (P.I.) OVER THE WEEKEND PRAVDA REPORTED A CZECH CENTRAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT URGING "DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT ON THE BASIS OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM (P.A.)." BRITISH PARTY LEADER MACLENNAN IS QUOTED AS URGING "THE STRENGTHENING OF P.I.", AND A BRIEF ITEM ON THE ZHIVKOV-CASTRO COMMUNIQUE FROM SOFIA DEVOTES MOST OF ITS SPACE TO THEIR AGREEMENT TO "DEVELOP RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF P.I.". PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL REVIEW ON MARCH 14 HAS GIEREK PRAISING THE "MIGHTY FORCE" OF A STABLE ALLIANCE WITH THE USSR, ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT QUOTE HIM SPECIFICALLY ADVOCATING P.I. IT THEREFORE STATES ON ITS OWN THAT THE CPSU CONGRESS SHOWED THE "UNSHAKEABLE FIDELITY TO THE CAUSE OF P.I." THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN PRAVDA MARCH 15 SINGS PRAISES OF THE UNITY OF THE "SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH" AND AGAIN EMPHASIZES THE "INDESTRUCTIBLE FIDELITY" OF THESE STATES TO THE PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND P.I. PRAVDA MARCH 15 REPRINTS VERBATIM A HUNGARIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT LARGELY DEVOTED TO ADVOCACY OF THE SUBSTANCE AND THE SPIRIT OF P.I. AND EXPLICITLY REJECTING, "VIEWS AIMED AT SUBVERTING THE UNITY (OF THE MOVEMENT), CONDEMN(ING) NATIONALIST NARROWNESS, BOURGEOIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONALISM, ANTI-SOVIETISM, SCHISMATIC STRIVINGS AND THE CRUEST MANIFESTATION OF ALL THIS -- MAOISM." COMMENT: APPROPRIATE READERS WILL KNOW AT WHOM THIS DIATRIBE IS AIMED -- AND IT IS CERTAINLY NOT THE CHINESE. END COMMENT.

4. FRG/POLAND. CENTRAL PRESS MARCH 13 GREETED THE BUNDESRAT VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH POLAND, RELYING ON A DKP STATEMENT TO CHARACTERIZE IT AS A SUCCESS FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. A PRAVDA SINGED COMMENTARY ON MARCH 15 FURTHER PRAISES THE AGREEMENT AND CONTENDS THAT THE CDU/CSU BACKED DOWN BECAUSE THEY FEARED ELECTORAL CONSEQUENCES OF A NEGATIVE VOTE. THE COMMENTARY WARNS, HOWEVER, THAT CDU/CSU ABILITY TO CONTINUE CONFRONTATION ON THE ISSUE ALMOST TO

THE INSTANT OF VOTING SHOWS "CONTINUING STRENGTH OF THE SHADOW OF THE PAST" IN THE FRG. COMMENT. SOVIET PRESS HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SILENT ON THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND EVEN AT THIS POINT THE AGREEMENT IS REFERRED TO IN REPORTS NOTED ABOVE AS "A FURTHER NORMALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS" WITHOUT FURTHER EXPLANATION OF ITS ACUTAL COMMENTS. END COMMENT.

5. MIDDLE EAST. THE PRESS HAS EVIDENTLY NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED YET ON HOW TO REACT TO SADAT'S CALL FOR ADROGATION OF THE FRIENDSHIP TREATY, AND REMAINS COMPLETELY MUM ON THAT DECYLOPMENT. PRAVDA MARCH 15 REPORTS EGYPTIAN PROBIBITION OF TRAVEL TO LIBYA AS RESULT OF LIBYAN EXPULSION OF EGYPTIANS WORKING IN THAT COUNTRY -- WHICH ITSELF, PRAVDA EXPLAINS, CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF EGYPTIANARREST OF LIBYANS IN CAIRO FOR "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY" (PRAVDA'S QUOTES). SOVIET REPORTING ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON REMAINS FAIRLY FACTUAL -- AN INDICATING THAT THE SITUATION IS STILL NO FLUID, IN SOVIET EYES, THAT A DECISION ON HOW TO SLANT REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENTS THERE CANNOT YET BE MADE.

6. SPAIN. SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF CIVIL UNREST IN SPAIN IS INCREASINGLY HEAVY AND INCREASINGLY CRITICAL OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. SIGNED COMMENTARY IN PRAVDA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARCH 13 SAYS THAT SHOOTING OF WORKERS, RECENT TRAIL OF DISSIDENT ARMY OFFICERS, AND WIDE-SCALE ARRESTS ARE "THE GRIM REALITY" OF TODAY'S SPAIN. COMMENTARY ASSERTS THAT "INTERNATIONAL OPINION DECISIVERLY PROTESTS SHOOTINGS AND REPRESSIONS IN SPAIN" AND STATES "THE SOVIET PEOPLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL ALWAYS BE ON THE SIDE OF FIGHTERS FOR SOCIAL AND NATIONAL LIBERATION." PRAVDA MARCH 14 IN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW SAYS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SUPPRESSION IS STRENGTHENING THE WORKERS' MOVEMENT AND ASSERTS THT THE PCE STANDS "IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE MASSES FOR THEIR RIGHTS." COMMENT: THE SOVIET TILT TOWARD SUPPORT FOR THE PCE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE OFFICIAL RELATIONS SEEMS CLEAR FROM THESE PRESS SOURCES. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT RELATIONS CONTINUE ON AN EVEN KEEL ON THE OFFICIAL LEVEL. MOSCOW CONTINUES THE OLD GAME OF EATING ITS CAKE AND HAVING IT TOO. END COMMENT.

7. ANGOLA/CABINDA. PRAVDA MARCH 14 REPORTS FROM CABINDA EXCERPTS FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH THE MPLA COMMISSAR IN CABINDA ON EFFORTS TO RESTORE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA TO NORMAL. THE COMMISSAR

CONTENDS THAT A MAIN OBSTACLE ON THESE EFFORTS HAS BEEN  
THE CESSATION OF WORK BY "AMERICAN OIL MAGNATES, ABOVE  
ALL GULF OIL", WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR EXPERTS FROM THE  
PROVINCE. HE SAYS THAT 138 WELLS HAVE NOT PRODUCED OIL  
FOR A LENGTHY PERIOD.  
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